

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-13 (Canceled)

Claim 14 (Currently amended) A material comprising a dispersion of ~~at least one~~ hydrophobic binding agent selected from the group consisting of resin, resin precursor, wax and mixtures thereof; of curing binding agent; and a filler wherein the filler has an at least bimodal particle size distribution, wherein one particle size range (A) has a mean particle diameter of at least 5 μ m and the other particle size range (B) has a mean particle diameter of at most 3 μ m and the weight ratio of the particle size range (A) to the particles of the particle size range (B) is between 0.01:1 and 12:1; ~~and the constituents of the said dispersion are so selected in respect of their~~ containing insufficient hydrophilic properties- components so that the static initial water contact angle of a coating formed from the dispersion after 3 minutes equilibrium is greater than 130°.

15. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 14 including between 0.2 and 20% of the binding agent by weight of solids and between 0.5 and 40% by weight of at least one additional curing binding agent by weight of solids.

16. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 14 wherein it has a maximum water absorption of less than 10% by weight.

17. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 14 wherein it has a maximum water absorption of less than 5% by weight.
18. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 14 wherein it has a maximum water absorption of less than 2% by weight.
19. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 14 wherein the particles of particle size range (A) have a mean diameter in the range of between about 5 and about 100 μm .
20. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 14 wherein the particles of particle size range (A) have a mean diameter in the range of between about 8 and about 60 μm .
21. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 14 wherein the particles of particle size range (A) have a mean diameter in the range of between about 10 and about 40 μm .
22. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 19 wherein the particles of particle size range (B) have a mean particle diameter of at most 1 μm .
23. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 20 wherein the particles of particle size range (B) have a mean particle diameter of at most 1 μm .

24. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 19 wherein the particles of particle size range (B) have a mean particle diameter of from between 0.1 and 0.8 μm .

25. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 14 wherein the weight ratio of the particles of particle size range (A) to the particles of particle size range (B) is between 0.3:1 and 10:1.

26. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 17 wherein the weight ratio of the particles of particle size range (A) to the particles of particle size range (B) is between 0.3:1 and 10:1.

27. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 21 wherein the weight ratio of the particles of particle size range (A) to the particles of particle size range (B) is between 0.3:1 and 10:1.

28. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 14 wherein the weight ratio of the particles of particle size range (A) to the particles of particle size range (B) is between 0.3:1 and 10:1; preferably in the range of between 1.0:1 and 2.5:1.

29. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 14 wherein the binding agent contains between about 1.5 and about 30 percent of additional curing binding agent by weight of solids.

30. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 14 wherein the binding agent contains between about 1 and about 15 percent of silicone resin by weight of solids in the coating substance.

31. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 17 wherein the binding agent contains between about 1 and about 15 percent of silicone resin by weight of solids in the coating substance.

32. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 20 wherein the binding agent contains between about 1 and about 15 percent of silicone resin by weight of solids in the coating substance.

33. (Previously presented) A material as set forth in claim 14 wherein the filler contained therein contains at least two different inorganic substances of which one forms the particles of the particle size range (A) and the other forms the particles of the particle size range (B).

34. (Previously presented) A molding or coating material as set forth in claim 33 wherein the particles of the particle size range (A) comprise cristobalite and the particles of the particle size range (B) comprise titanium dioxide.

35. A material as set forth in claim 14 wherein it contains an additive selected from the group consisting of thickeners, wetting agents, organic fiber material, inorganic fiber materials, anti-foaming agent and mixtures thereof.

36. (Previously presented) A method for coating a surface comprising applying the material of claim 14 to the surface.

37. (Previously presented) A method for coating a surface comprising applying the material of claim 15 to the surface.

38. (Previously presented) A method for coating a surface comprising applying the material of claim 16 to the surface.

39. (Previously presented) A method for coating a surface comprising applying the material of claim 17 to the surface.

40. (Previously presented) A method for coating a surface comprising applying the material of claim 20 to the surface.

41. (Previously presented) A method for coating a surface comprising applying the material of claim 29 to the surface.

42. (Previously presented) A method for coating a surface comprising applying the material of claim 33 to the surface.

43. (Previously presented) A method for coating a surface comprising applying the material of claim 34 to the surface.

Claim 44 (New) The material of claim 14 where the curing binding agent is selected from the group consisting of alkyd resins, polyvinyl chloride, chlorine rubber, polyurethanes, and epoxy resins.